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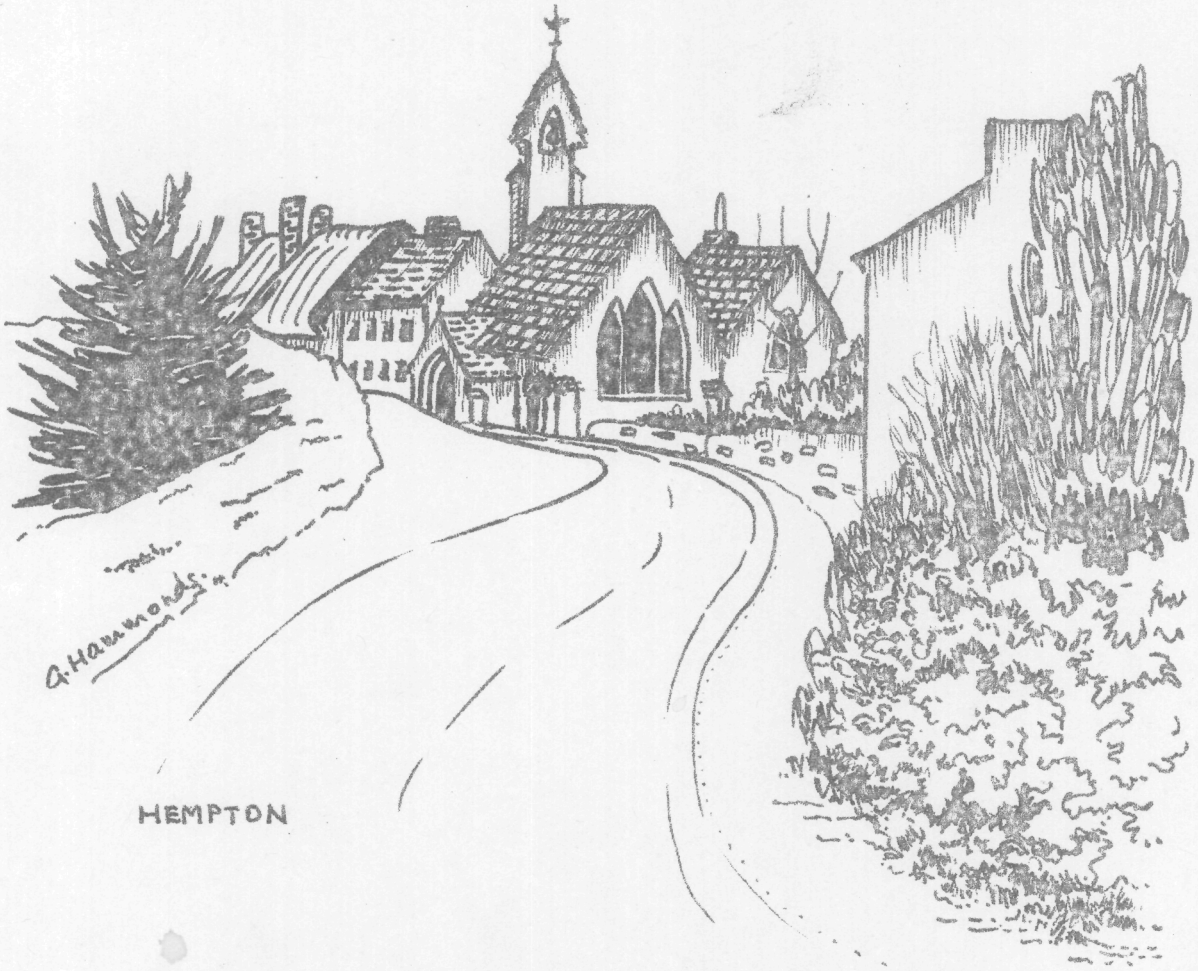

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COVER PICTURE: For this month we have to thank newcomer to our community, Gladys Hammond. Gladys, an art teacher, moved to Hempton last summer from Preston, Lancs. with her husband Ian and two daughters Lisa and Julia. We hope they'll stay with us.

Our first issue for 1980 cannot go by without our grateful thanks being expressed to Mike Maskery for all his co-operation and expertise in getting our regular advertisements printed for the year.

We thank also the many people who have made donations to the News, totalling £41.20, plus a further £4.63 collected by Fred and Edna England at the Crown and Tuns from their many generous customers. So, as long as you all keep providing the copy, the News is well set to continue for a while yet.

We are short of some back copies of Deddington News for local libraries, where it is rather nice to think of small and large Deddington happenings being recorded for future generations. Has anyone copies of the News for December 1978, and issues since May 1979. I would be very glad of them.

Finally, are there no more than the one or two local artists who have offered their services for our covers? We don't have particularly sophisticated ideas - are Deddington people really so backward in coming forward? Please contact Colin Robinson (38272) or myself if you'd like to have a go.

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WHAT'S ON

Every Thursday 7.30 Holly Tree Club - Deddington Singers

February	6th	Deddington Ladies meeting - Mr. Manning The Rotary Club
	7th	Mothers' Union and Young Families - Mrs. Hannah, Fostering
	12th	W.I. Meeting 7.30 Holly Tree - Tamara Malcolm
	16th	Warriner School Dance at the Great Hall, Bloxham School
	19th	Mothers' Union and Young Families Ploughman's Lunch
	27	Parish Council meeting 7.00 Town Hall
March	5th	Deddington Ladies meeting - Mrs. Hannah - Fostering
	11th	Issue of bus tokens - Town Hall 3 - 5 p.m.
	22nd	W.I. Jumble Sale - Holly Tree Club
	29th	Primary School PTA Market Stall - Town Hall
May	17th	Primary School PTA Barn Dance

EDITORIAL: Reflecting briefly on 1979, many events have passed into history apart from regular annual happenings in the community. There have also been non-events to reflect upon, such as decisions (or lack of them) on the M40/X40, and the Windmill site community centre.

As well as being the International Year of the Child, 1979 was the year of he Election, with local, national and European elections, although whether you feel they had any direct effect on you is for more personal reflection. The one thing they did affect was the closure of the Primary School on three separate occasions, involving not just the loss of three days' schooling but complete disruption of three weeks. Can anyone tell us who decides on the venue for Polling Stations and does the general electorate not have any say in the matter.

Perhaps it is the same branch of bureaucracy that decides our local state schools should begin the new term on a Friday. When we are constantly being hounded by cuts in educational spending and are urged to reduce spending on fuel and power of all kinds, one wonders what kind of logic determines that our schools should be heated to the required standard for one day only. Whose decision is it? Can anyone explain to us lesser mortals?

The few weeks before Christmas went with quite a swing in the village, with most of the organisations putting on some special effort for others. These events culminated in what now seems to be a Deddington fixture - the Christmas Eve carol singing. This is quite a community organisation in itself, with Mrs. Sample of Hopcraft Lane donating the Christmas tree; Mr. Berry of the Oxfordshire Highways' Department providing the tub and sand in which the tree stands; Roger Gardner and his sons from Clifton putting up the tree; Deddington Society, providing the lights; and Norman and Joy Drake and Maggie Rampley organising the event and distributing the carol sheets. It's a lovely way of beginning Christmas, particularly for those of us who cannot get to Midnight Mass, and long may it continue. The parish's thanks to everyone involved.

I wonder what 1980 will bring? Perhaps some form of improved street lighting in the High Street which is of course fundamental to improving the accident rate in the village. Maybe the year will even see the powers that be making a final decision on a starting date for the X40. What do you hope for for 1980, or maybe longer term? We'd be pleased to have your views.

MOTHERS UNION + YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

Our Christmas Party was great fun as always - thank-you to everyone who helped provided a super spread. On Saturday 5th January we welcomed about 40 visitors from other branches to Mrs. Jean Welford's commissioning service in Church. Formerly our enrolling member, Jean now becomes Deanery President.

We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Betty Francis who kindly held a coffee morning at her home on Thursday 24thJanuary in aid of Branch funds. The event was a tremendous success raising between £70 and £80.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th February at 8 p.m. when Mrs. Pat Hannah will give a talk, in the vicarage, on Fostering. On February 19th at 12.45 p.m. we are holding a special ploughman's lunch at the Holly Tree Club. We have specially chosen half-term so that our members older children can join us and take part in the activities afterwards.

Maggie Rampley

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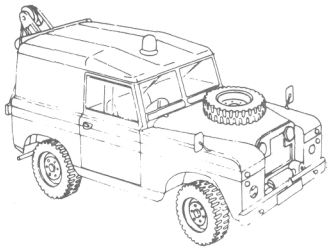

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Dear Editor,
The many people who gave up so much of their time to help with the traffic survey through the village last autumn will have been wondering, I am sure, what was the end result of their efforts. The figures were published in the Deddington News at the time - an average of 16,000 vehicles a day; of which one third were heavy lorries - but correspondence with the Transport Ministry has taken somewhat longer.

We were about to forward our survey results and questions to Mr. Neil Marten (local M.P.) and Mr. Norman Fowler (Minister of Transport) when the news about public spending cuts was announced. There did not seem much point in probing the Ministry at a time when some major decisions might change the whole thrust of our argument from - when will the X40 start - to - why it must not be axed!

However nothing definite one way or another transpired and our letters were sent off in November.

The answers from both Mr. Neil Marten and Mr. Norman Fowler say:

- The X40 remains at the top of the road scheme priority list and has not been axed. It does not appear to be likely that it will be axed in the future either.

- The start date was originally promulgated as between 1981 - 1983 in a 1978 White Paper. However, the Midland Road Construction Unit have been revising their estimate of how long it will take to do preparatory work.

- A White Paper will be issued in 1980 with start dates for all major road schemes.

- The Ministry of Transport expect to publish draft orders under the Highways Act for the X40 in the Autumn of 1980.

Betty Hill and I would like to say thankyou to all those who helped with the survey and let's hope there is good news in the White Paper.

Maureen Forsyth. The Stile House, Deddington

Through the News, we would like to say a very bigh thank-you to all our friends and neighbours, the Church, the school and the Guides for all their kindness, help, good wishes and support during Paul's recent illness.

Also a special thank-you and well done to Hazel and Gregory who were so good throughout the crisis! Lastly grateful thanks to Dr. O'Donnell for his speedy attention.

Paul, we are glad to say, is almost fully recovered and next week he will have another go at starting school!

Maggie and Alan Rampley

DEDDINGTON LADIES

We held the Senior Citizens' Party on Saturday December 8th which everyone enjoyed. Entertainment was by "Harold" on the accordion and the Girl Guides who sang carols. We thank Maggie Rampley, Kay Whitton and Jane Rose for giving time to train the Guides and bringing them along.

January 10th was our Annual General meeting. The Treasurer gave a report on the previous 12 months, and Maureen French read the Minutes. A copy of the Balance Sheet was handed to each member present. The committee was asked to continue for the coming 12 months, and will be Lesley Green, Jackie Stammers, Ann Paull, Brenda Munson, Maureen French, Win Brain and Daphne Harper.

On January 12th the Toddlers' party was held at the British Legion, followed by a Disco for five to sixteen year olds. This was very well attended by non-members children living in the area.

At our next meeting on Wednesday February 6th the speaker will be Mr. Manning from the Rotary Club. On Wednesdzy March 5th, our speaker will be the vicar's wife, Mrs. Hannah. who will give a talk on "fostering". On Wednesday April 2nd Mrs. June Stilgoe will speak and show slides of the "Flying Doctor Service" in Jamaica.

We have been given an invitation for a meal at the U.S.A.F. Base at Upper Heyford. A list is in the Post Office giving date, time, cost etc. Anyone wishing to attend please put your name down. We would like to thank Iris George for making this available to our members - please support this.

Members please note that subscriptions are now payable. Jackie Stammers will collect at our monthly meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Holly Tree Club at 8 p.m. If you have any ideas for speakers any member of the committee would be glad to hear from you.

Daphne Harper

P.S. A purse was left at the Disco - would the owner please contact Jackie Stammers.

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DEDDINGTON RANGER GUIDES

We had a very successful meal out in December and this term we started off well with ideas for future meetings.

We will be visiting a local pottery on 29th January and in the not too distant future, we hope to visit Radio Oxford. We welcome any girls of 14 onwards whether they have been Guides or not.

Jackie Stammers

MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP

Our Autumn term ended on 17th December with a Christmas party which was attended by 34 children. I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Lines for coming along as Father Christmas. There are still a few people who have not paid their contribution towards the hire charge of the room. I should be grateful to receive these as soon as possible.

We meet at the Holly Tree Club on Mondays from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. There are toys and squash for the children, and biscuits and tea for mothers. Come along and support your Mother and Toddler Group.

Rosemary Beckett

NATURE NOTES

Snow is snowy when its snowing,
I'm sorry its slushy when its going. Ogden Nash

On a slushy day in January I was watching two grey wagtails feeding on the filter beds at the sewage works. The filter arms were turning clockwise and thsese small birds were feeding with their backs to the direction of the swinging arms, but every time an arm came up to one of them they hopped up onto it and then immediately down again to continue feeding, and never appeared to turn their heads to see the arm approaching.

Another bird gave us much pleasure a few days later. A great spotted or pied woodpecker came to feed at the hanging wire feeder outside our kitchen window. This beautiful bird (it was a male, for he had a bright red bar on his neck) pecked away at the fat I had put for the tits for some minutes before flying away and we had a good close look at him.

Flooding in the Cherwell Valley caused many species of duck to fly in and flock together to feed in these watery pastures. There have also been many mute swans on the river most of the winter and in early December I saw three whooper swans (two adults and one juvenile) grazing by the Cherwell, and they stayed around most of December and into January.

Pat Hannah

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DEDDINGTON BROWNIE NEWS

There was a most encouragingly large audience for the performance of our plays in December and it was lovely for us to get such a lot of support. The plays seemed to be over in no time at all compared to the weeks of work the Brownies put into them. Six Brownies passed their Jester's badge and we made £6.21 for the Blue Peter Cambodia Appeal. We made this up to £10 from pack funds and sent if off and a letter of thanks has just come back.

January 5th saw us off to Chipping Norton Theatre to see Cinderella with Brownies from Adderbury and Barford. As we were a party of 62 we formed a large part of the audience, and the Ugly Sisters responded by doing a bit of gentle "Brownie bopping" with their handbags in the middle of the pantomime! The late arrival of the coach caused some anxious moments before we arrived, but otherwise it was a lovely outing.

Thank you to everybody who has collected used postage stamps and clean tinfoil for us lately - we are very grateful, and we are always glad of more. Our meetings are more normal now we have no more rehearsing to do, and at the moment the Brownies are filling smartie tubes with pennies for the Thinking Day Fund - having eaten the smarties first of course.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

GUIDES

It seems a long time ago that we put on our entertainment evening just before Christmas. The hall was packed to over-flowing - the audience seemed to enjoy the guides' songs and sketches and we certainly enjoyed putting on the show.

Thank-you all for coming and the Guides thought your rendering of Good King Wenceslas was pretty fair. We were glad to welcome our American Girl Scout friends who very bravely went on the stage to do a 'turn'. Our thanks, too, to Debbie Garvey for coming along as tester for the girls' Entertainer badges.

The previous Saturday we entertained the Senior Citizens at their party given by Deddington Ladies. We sang some carols - newly learnt, and invited everyone to join us in others. Thank you to Mr. Lines for acting as tester on this occasion.

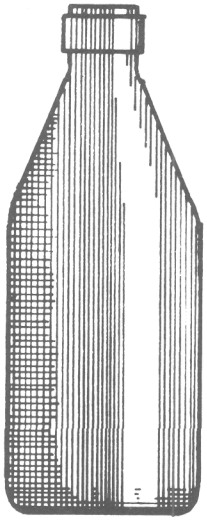
We were very proud of Cathryn Blackburn who read so well at the Candlelight service in Church.

We started the term off with our usual Patrol Leaders' and Seconds' meeting - coffee and biscuits being the main item on the agenda! We also managed some other very useful discussions about future activities. The first full meeting of the term was a very "stuck-up" affair. The Guides made some scrap-books which we hope to give to the Health Centre, Dentists and Hospital waiting rooms.

Our last meeting was very lively as we were visited by Richard Morrison who talked about deaf-aids and work with the deaf. We were pleased to present him with £10 raised at our entertainment evening, for the Phonic Ear appeal. So thank you everyone again for your support on that evening.

Maggie Rampley

Fairview Dairies



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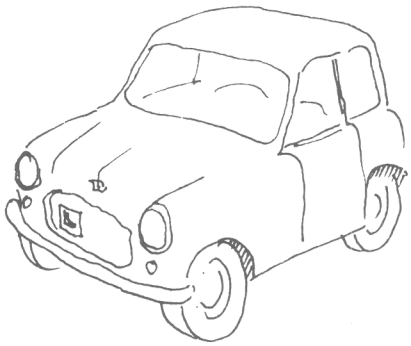

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Dear Editor,
Richard Hannah is as sparing with his logic as with his cheers and, in consequence, manages to be a teeny weeny bit self-contradictory. If we are free, even to a limited extent, it can hardly be said that we are captive bound awaiting release. Furthermore, it is a useless exercise to object to history merely because we dislike the inferences. It is up to us to find the cause if we hope to provide a solution. That applies equally to his own inferences on the limits of freedom. Are they arbitrarily beyond our control, or are they self-imposed?

For example, no person is ever free while they are governed and motivated by bitter memories of the past. Unless irradicated, those memories will chain them to that past to no purpose whatsoever.

The only time over which any of us have any control is the here and now. The past has gone beyond effective control or alteration, while the future is yet to be, so what we do or do not do today decides whether we tie ourselves to the past or work towards a future more to our liking.

Now I expect I've lost the solitary pip-squeak of half a cheer as well!!

Lewis Foreman, 2 Market Place, Deddington

Would the person or persons who find it necessary to drive across Goose Green, please resist the temptation to do so. The roads around it are quite adequate.

Joy Webb

QUICK REACTION ALERT

A winter take off in the dark
At 25 may be a lark,
Or even just a test of skill
With n'eer a thought for those you kill.
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A village lies an atom waste.

We need him strong in Nato's bank
An ever ready Heyford Yank,
But should he go to global war
With his compact deadly store
No one will live to play at cricket
Upon a radiation wicket.

But do we really give a toss
For a young atomic boss
Of submarine or missile site
Or still in cockpit in the night,
And dare we even risk a glimmer
Of his and our so real dilemma.

Bill Drake

CHURCH NEWS

THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE CHANCELLOR

March 25th is Lady Day. It was long ago announced that on this day Robert Runcie, Bishop of St. Alban's would be enthroned as the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Only a few weeks ago the House of Commons was told March 25th this year is to be Budget Day.

Would it matter if Budget Day and Enthronement Day clashed? It would, for some people. On Budget Day all M.P.s are expected to be in The House. The Budget is, after all, one of the Government's chief measures every year. It sets out how much money will be spent on everything from nuclear missiles to school meals, and how that money will be raised by taxes. It touches the pocket, if not the heart of every citizen.

Several members of the Government, and not a few M.P.s, intended to go to Canterbury for the Enthronement. The Queen would be represented. Out would come the trappings of ceremonial, antique uniforms, fanfares from trumpeters, processions of more or less dignified "dignitaries". It would be a pity, at least, if the Budget prevented this spectacle from being as splended as possible. Several important citizens would be disappointed not to be at Canterbury - the next time an Enthronement came round, they would not be important enough to be invited.

More pressing, perhaps, how could TV and radio cover both events? So the Chancellor of the Exchequer backed down. He postponed the Budget for one day. The Lord Chancellor (in wig and gown), the Leader of the House of Commons (who is a Roman Catholic) and the TV crews, can now be at Canterbury one day and Westminster the next.

Does it matter? Would you, if you had been Chancellor, have changed Budget Day like this? The Chancellor of the USSR, who claims to work to a 5 year plan, would lose his job if not his neck, if he even thought of it. The Budget Chief of the USA, whose official title almost certainly runs into ten words at least and who is equally certainly known to one and all as "Bud" or "Chuck", would explain at wearisome length how in the USA, State and Church are quite separate and (therefore) if the TV sponsors of the Church event came up with more dollars that would certainly express the democratic will.

But in this country the Chancellor can still yield, not to popular outcry (if there was one, no-one heard it) nor to the restrained comments of Lord Hailsham and Mr. Norman St. John Stevas, but to tradition and to the vague feeling of unease at interfering with the church service.. "Dashbit, Geoff!", he said to himself, "Some things are sacred, and this is apparently one of those things. Why didn't my secretary tell me?"

This is a rock bottom religious feeling. It does little credit to anyone. But in the still, small hours of the night, when you are on your own, you suspect there may be something in it.

Robert Cantuar, good luck to you.

Richard Hannah

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

The Spring Term got off to a very good start with a social evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cheney.

Music for a spring performance has been selected and we are also planning to join other Oxfordshire Choirs for a summer concert in July.

Should there be anyone new to the district who would like to join our choir on Thursday evenings and who would find transport a difficulty, we might be able to help as our members come from surrounding villages. We need in particular tenor voices. Any enquiries welcomed on Deddington 38402.

Betty Caporn, Secretary

THE 'LOST' RECIPE

When my husband and I moved to our house in Deddington we were told by various people that a previous owner, Miss Fowler, had made 'Pudden Pies' there. We were unable to trace a recipe in any local books and various people we spoke to did not know the recipe either. I have now been lent a copy of "Good Things in England - A Book of Real English Cookery" edited by Florence White. Here I found the following text and recipe:-

Deddington Pudden Pie

"This was made for the Deddington Fair on November 22nd, known as Pudden Pie Fair. A Deddington Pudden Pie was however made by Miss R.F. Fowler and exhibited at the first English Folk Cookery Exhibition organised by Miss Willans, M.B.E., in the lecture hall of the Gas Light & Coke Co., Church Street, Kensington, London, on January 16th 1931. The following recipe was published in the Daily News in 1930".

Recipe

Ingredients: Puff Pastry; 4 oz ground rice; 1 quart milk; 3 eggs; 6 oz. lump sugar; 1 lemon; 4 oz. currants.

Time: 10 - 15 minutes to boil and 15-25 minutes to bake in a moderate oven.

Method:

1. Grease some large saucers and line them with puff pastry.
2. Make the rice into a cream with 6 tablespoonfuls of the milk..
3. Add the eggs well beaten to it.
4. Boil up the remainder of the milk with the lump sugar, and the thinly pared rind of a washed lemon.
5. When this boils add the rice mixture and keep stirring for 10 or 15 minutes; then
6. Lift out the lemon peel, and add the currants.
7. Pour into the lined saucers to within 1½" of the edge of the crust.
8. Bake in a moderate oven until the pastry is nicely coloured and the mixture set. They can be eaten hot or cold.

I have not yet tried the recipe and would like to know if anybody has any variations on it, or, even a completely different one? There must be several people who remember Miss Fowler and her shop next to the Crown & Tuns and perhaps they remember eating the pies?

Jane Rose

If anyone else has any recipes, particularly local ones, we'd be glad to hear from them - Ed.

MURDER MOST FOUL!

Our Christmas party was held at the Holly Tree Club on December 11th, and 31 members were present. This year we had a buffet meal, and I think everyone enjoyed the splendid variety of meats, salads and goodies. Mrs. Walton did the catering.

After the meal the Club room was transformed into a theatre and we were treated to a performance of the one act who-dunnit, Members of the Jury, which several ladies had been rehearsing for some time. The Play is part of the WI "Scene 80" activity in which various Institutes compete for a prize. Our play had already been seen by the official judges, and will be performed with other one-acters at Little Tew in February. We, the audience, enjoyed ourselves very much, and hope that Deddington will win the competition.

Our own competition for the evening was a Home-made Christmas Cracker, and we saw some fine specimens. First prize went to Marie Smith, second Marianne Elsley and third Freda Powell. Altogether a splendid festive evening.

The January meeting was held at the Holly Tree Club on the 8th. 32 members and several visitors were present. Our speaker for the evening was a bird enthusiast, Mr. Walton, who showed us some splended slides of a journey he made to the Scottish Isles in company with 900 other bird watchers. They spent all their time on board a ship and sailed around the various islands and bird sanctuaries. It all looked very beautiful and would be a tempting idea for a summer holiday.

After refreshments provided by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Riley, we had a fun auction to raise some money for the Institute. Members had brought all sorts of things, among them delicious looking cakes and preserves, and we had a lively and profitable time. The competition for the month was "A Holiday Souvenir" and entries ranged from all over the world. Mrs. Homens won the first prize, with Mrs. Perree and Mrs. Riley took second and third places.

We plan to have a Jumble Sale at the Holly Tree Club on Saturday, March 22nd, and would be very glad of gifts of jumble and any saleable items. Please remember us when you turn out your attic at spring-cleaning time! We will gladly collect. (Deddington 38251).

Our next meeting will be on February 12th at 7.30 p.m. when Tamara Malcolm is going to talk to us. She is an actress who has made it her life's interest to put on plays and opera at her little Theatre in Chipping Norton, and her talk should be fascinating to anyone who enjoys the theatre.

Marianne Elsley

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Nativity Play held in Church at the end of last term was well supported and the collection at the end of the performance raised £26.73. A cheque for this amount has been sent to the Church of England Children's Society. Our thanks to all who helped to make the evening a success.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Lions Club for the Christmas gift of toys etc., the sale of which raised over £300 which has gone to help the following local charities:- Bodicote Lawn Children's Hostel; Penhurst House, Chipping Norton; The Red Cross Toy Library.

Last term six pupils were successful in obtaining personal survival awards. Jennifer Hunt, Jennet Vass and Andrew Sampson achieved the Bronze Award, and Cathryn Blackburn, Karen Evans and Sarah Tame the Silver Award. Our congratulations to them all for their fine efforts.

W.S. Duxbury

REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 19TH DECEMBER 1979

Nine members of the Parish Council were present with the Chairman and Clerk.

Following discussion arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting conerning the street lighting, it was confirmed that Mr. Washington had been thanked for his offer concerning the Market Place, and that the main road was being given priority.

A letter had been received from the County Council in respect of the Windmill site. The C.C. offered to the P.C. the freehold of a part of the school building and site for the sum of £15,000 and a three year lease on the playing fields. Certain conditions were attached concerning fencing, demolition etc. all subject to planning approval and the Secretary of State's permission. Asked about finance, the Chairman said these appeared to be no immediate problem in raising the money for purchase and consequent works. The Clerk was instructed to write accepting the offer. The Clerk was also instructed to obtain application forms for grants. The Cherwell District Council had asked for a detailed planning application which is to include an Outline Application for a new hall in addition to the existing buildings.

It was suggested that professional advice be sought concerning the planning approvals. The Chairman said that Mr. Bond, an architect practising from the village had been informally approached and had agreed to act if asked. He pointed out that professional fees may be involved. It was proposed that Mr. Bond be asked.

Following the tree planting, application had been made to the C.D.C. for the grant. It had been pointed out that the grant is conditional upon the P.C. accepting responsibility for maintenance for three years. It was proposed and seconded that the condition be accepted and the grant applied for.

Notice had been received from the landlords that the rental on the allotment field was to be increased in March 1980. Although the total remained reasonable this would represent approximately a 500% increase.

An invitation had been received from the vicar for a member of the P.C. to read a lesson in the Carol Service. Mr. Mackenzie volunteered.

An estimate had been received from the S.E.B. which amounted to £1414 on capital equipment and £450 to make the connections. No mention was made of extra lighting at the traffic lights, nor running expenses. Mrs. Cheeseman said that no grants were available for footway lighting. She had also been told that the County Council had been watching the accident rate and that the C.C. would shortly be proposing a trunk road system which could be similar to that at Woodstock or Burford. This would cost the P.C. nothing. It was agreed to put aside the footway lighting scheme until a scheme was received from the County.

Two planning applications were examined.

REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 23RD JANUARY 1980

Ten members of the Parish Council were present with the Chairman and Clerk.

Correspondence: A letter from C.D.C. stated that bus tokens for senior citizens are to be issued from the Town Hall on March 11th between 3 and 5 o'clock. Mrs. Robinson offered transport to anyone in difficulty (telephone 38272).

Also from C.D.C., the Clerk had received a letter regarding the safety of the children's play equipment at Castle Grounds. Mr. Garrett suggested getting the insurance company to survey the equipment.

The County Council had written agreeing, subject to formal approval, the terms for the Windmill site.

An estimate had been received from Taylors of Barford in the sum of £298 plus VAT for rebuilding the pillar of the Town Hall and other maintenance. The Clerk is to write to the Trustees of the Town Hall to clarify who has responsibility for the structural maintenance.

Precept: It was agreed to precept for the sum of £5600.

Allotments: The agreement with the landlords for the increased rental to the P.C. had been received. The Chairman signed it on behalf of the Council. Following the increase in rent to the Council it was proposed and seconded that the rental for a one chain allotment should be put up to £5 a year and for a half chain £2.50 starting next year.

Castle Grounds and Burial Ground Maintenance: An estimate had now been received from T & H Agricultural Contractors for £47 per cut of the grass at Castle Grounds and Burial Ground, the timing and frequency to be agreed. The estimate included any necessary weedkilling on paths, and hedge trimming. An estimate of £41.45 had been received from Robs Gardening at Adderbury. However, it was felt that in previous years, Robs had not been entirely satisfactory and that as a Deddington firm, T & H should be given the opportunity.

Road Lighting: In view of the level of accidents the C.C. are now proposing a high amenity trunk road lighting scheme for Deddington and are seeking the P.C.'s support in their approach to the Ministry of Transport. Mrs. Robinson said that to most people this meant the kind of lighting on the main road at Adderbury and this was the last thing the village wanted. It was understood that this was not the proposal, which was for a sodium light source, 8 metres above ground either on posts or, where suitable and by agreement with owners, on walls. This would be similar to the more attractive lighting at Woodstock and Burford. A detailed scheme has yet to be worked out.

Following her investigation into the lighting schemes at Woodstock, Burford and Amersham Mrs. Robinson was asked to continue her research and report to the P.C. A letter had been received from Mr. Forsyth, supported by fifty signatures of residents from High Street and New Street asking for consultations before any decision was taken. Despite this the meeting felt that the degree of interest in the subject was most properly expressed by the number of residents from the main road present at the P.C. meeting - nil.

It was agreed to write to the County Council, generally supporting their present intentions.

Five planning applications were considered.

A letter had been received from C.D.C. concerning a planning application received from the County Council for outline planning approval for residential development on the front section of the Windmill School site. the P.C. were most concerned at the possibility of restrictions on their use of the buildings which they propose purchasing. The letter was referred to the Windmill site sub committee with the instruction that they should ask Mr. Bond, to liaise with the Clerk to make their concern known to the District Council.

Brian Bond

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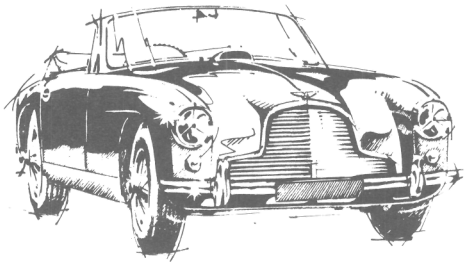

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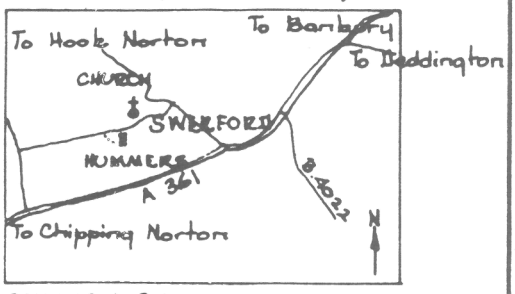

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